

**House of Representatives
Finance
Committee Meeting Schedule - Interim 2003**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TYPE
September	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Economic and revenue forecast update. 2) Status reports on interim projects.	Work Session
December	TBA	Olympia	Full Committee	1) Economic and revenue forecast update. 2) Status reports on interim projects.	Work Session

Project Title: Streamlined Sales Tax Project

Priority: 1

Completion Date: January 2004

Committee / Staff: Bob Longman

Reference: SB 5783

Other Resources:

Project Description: SB 5783 enacted an extensive set of changes recommended in the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. These changes affect key definitions and administrative provisions for retail sales and use taxes. These taxes supply more than 60 percent of the revenue for the state general fund. The effective date of these changes was delayed until 2004, in order to allow time for retailers and the Department of Revenue to adjust to the changes. The delayed effective date also recognizes the possibility that some further clarifying or corrective legislation may be necessary as a result of the changes. Also, the bill requires the DOR to study the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement provisions that would change which local government gets sales tax revenue for goods shipped to a customer address. These provisions attracted considerable adverse testimony in committee. This portion of the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement will not be implemented in Washington unless further legislation is adopted.

This interim project includes oversight of the DOR study, reviewing any other issues of interpretation or administration that arise under SB 5783, and preparation of followup legislation for the 2004 session if necessary.

Project Title: Municipal taxation

Priority:

Completion Date: January 2006

Committee / Staff: Mark Matteson

Reference: HB 2030

Other Resources:

Project Description: HB 2030 made significant and controversial changes in the authority of cities to impose excise taxes on businesses. The bill requires the Department of Revenue to conduct two studies related to these changes. The first study will review revenue impacts of the apportionment and allocation methods and increased uniformity and consistency provided through the model ordinance required by the act. This report is due November 2005, with progress reports to the fiscal committees on November 30, 2003, and November 30, 2004. The second study involves review of the definitions required for the model ordinance under the act. This study report is due December 31, 2004.

This interim project includes oversight of the DOR studies and possibly drafting legislation in response to any problem uncovered in the studies.

Project Title: Economic and Revenue Forecast

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: The Economic and Revenue Forecast Council revises the state's economic and revenue forecast four times a year. The statute that created the council and the forecast process also created the Economic and Revenue Forecast Workgroup, consisting of legislative and executive agency staff. The purpose of the workgroup is to "promote the free flow of information and to promote legislative input in the preparation of forecasts." Committee staff will monitor the development of the economic and revenue forecast and participate in the Economic and Revenue Forecast Workgroup.

Project Title: Monitoring and Evaluating the Property Tax System

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: This project will produce a report related to the accuracy of assessment procedures by measuring the accuracy of 2002 assessed values and their conformance with the International Association of Assessing Officers standards. The report will complement similar reports that have been produced by committee staff during each of the past five years.

Project Title: Tax Data and Modeling

Priority:

Completion Date: January, 2004

Committee / Staff: Mark Matteson, Rick Peterson

Reference:

Other Resources:

Project Description: Each session the House of Representatives must deal with a variety of proposals related to the property and excise tax systems. In order to respond adequately to inquiries and bill and amendment drafting requests, data bases and models must be updated or developed. This project will incorporate the detailed 2003 property tax data into the property tax data base, update the homeowner property tax model using the 2002 Washington State Population Survey, and update the Washington excise tax microsimulation model.